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Wayne hospital limits patient visitation

Beaumont Hospital, Wayne is now limiting family visits to patients in an effort to limit the spread of COVID 19.

"We've had a notable rise in COVID-19 cases in Metro Detroit," said Dr. Nick Gilpin, medical director of Infection Prevention and Epidemiology for Beaumont Health. "Last spring, we took care of the most COVID-19 patients in the state and we know that taking difficult steps like restricting visitors will help us keep our patients and our staff safe."

All Beaumont acute care campuses are safe and remain open to all patients needing health care including emergency visits, testing and surgery, hospital officials said in a prepared statement regarding the new restriction. All emergency rooms at Beaumont facilities will remain open for medical issues that need urgent attention. The local medical leadership at each hospital makes the determination about when to implement visitor restrictions, the statement continued.

No one will be allowed in rooms of patients with pending or positive COVID-19 tests except for individuals who are approaching the end-of-life, patients under 21 years of age, women in labor, or other extreme circumstances where the benefits of presence outweigh the risk of COVID-19 exposure, officials said.

Visitors for other patients have been restricted until further notice. Exceptions only apply if visitors screen negative for symptoms of respiratory infection. Any visitation request that differs from the new guidelines will be reviewed by clinical leadership or the administrator on call. Visitors will be allowed for a mother in labor or with pregnancy complications. A doula in addition to the designated partner is permitted. Visitors will also be allowed for patients 21 or younger. Two parents are permitted with the exception of babies in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) where additional restrictions may be required. The hospital will also allow visitors for patients undergoing a surgical procedure and for adults with

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Natural wonder

$1 million restoration at Fish Hatchery Park is complete

The natural state of Fish Hatchery Park in Northville has been returned, following nearly $1 million in restoration work at the site.

According to Northville Township officials and project engineers, the pond now has a depth of 4-6 feet due to the newly-constructed stone-lined conduit that allows water to flow freely between Johnson Creek and the pond. Fish can now swim readily between those two bodies of water, officials said, noting that the Johnson Creek is one of the few cold water creeks in southeastern Michigan that also supports a trout population.

Along the rebuilt banks of the creek, a work crew has planted thousands of live "stakes" - transplants of trees - many of which will grow into full-sized trees over time. In addition, hundreds of native plants have been added to the banks.

Those plants are expected to develop deep roots to anchor the ground and prevent soil erosion, resist disease, and thrive.

Visitors should not enter the newly-planted areas, designated by orange fencing over matted straw, until the vegetation is established next year.

The transformation of the park was made possible with a $963,090 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, administered by the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC). The ARC is a group of local municipalities, counties and other institutions, which work to improve water quality of the Rouge River watershed. The project was designed by Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.

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Pond with conduit to the creek

Archdiocese orders priest removed from parish

The removal of the Rev. Michael Suhy from the Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth last month still has parishioners reeling at the news.

In a statement regarding the change last month, Auxiliary Bishop Gerard Battersby said the decision by the Archdiocese of Detroit was based on Suhy's inability to manage the responsibilities of the parish.

"Father Suhy has become overwhelmed with the responsibilities, burdens and challenges of administrating a large and complex parish like Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish with its added dimension of having a school," Battersby's prepared statement read. "Following the required consultations and fact-finding, the action taken on Nov. 17 was believed necessary for Father Suhy's well-being, and also for the well-being of the parish, parishioners, and school."

> *Ultimately and unfortunately, his intransigence triggered a canonical process for his removal.*

Suhy, through his attorney Ron Thompson, is fighting the claims of the Archdiocese. Thompson characterized the claims as an attempt by "the Catholic Church to hide their misconduct." He added that the action of the Archdiocese was "a cover up." According to Thompson, the removal of Suhy from Our Lady of Good Counsel was retaliation for the priest's objections to alleged sexual harassment and abuse by another church leader.

Suhy claimed he alerted church officials after receiving a letter last year from a couple "notifying him that a prominent employee of the Archdiocese of Detroit was engaging in the sexual harassment and grooming of their son." That person, according to Suhy, was not punished, "and another colleague spontaneously shared with me his grave concern that the same alleged harasser was acting inappropriately with young priests of this archdiocese," Suhy wrote. "What we have here is nothing less than the selective and arbitrary enforcement of the archdiocese's policies against sexual harassment and

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Canton

Leisure Services adapts recreation programs

Canton Leisure Services enacted several programming modifications effective Nov. 18 in response to the latest mandates from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) "Pause to Save Lives" order.

The Summit on the Park Fitness Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, will continue to remain open. Summit staff has relocated all the strength equipment throughout the facility, in order to allow for the mandated safe distancing protocols.

In addition, all Summit on the Park group fitness classes have transitioned to "Stay Fit, Stay Home, Stay Virtual" classes. Participants can choose from a variety of sessions, including: Yoga, Strength-Based classes, Zumba, Step, BEST (senior-focused classes), and more - all taught by the Summit group fitness instructors via Zoom. Summit members will have complete access to all virtual group fitness classes free of charge as part of their current Summit membership.

Canton residents and non-residents can purchase a three-week virtual membership package, which will provide unlimited access to all Summit on the Park virtual fitness classes. Fees for the "Stay Fit, Stay Home, Stay Virtual Membership" are $20 for Canton residents and $25 for non-residents. Registration is required for all classes, which will provide Zoom link and class password. For details, visit www.summitonthepark.org.

Starting next Monday, Nov. 30, the Summit on the Park will have new individual, indoor workout rooms available for rent. These rooms will provide an individual, couple, or family the opportunity to work out in the comfort of their own space (couples or families must be living in the same household). Each room will include a treadmill, elliptical machine, and access to weights and other strength equipment.

Rooms can be rented for: $20 per hour by Summit members; $25 per hour by Canton residents; and $30 per hour by non-residents. Masks are not required for use while in these individual rooms; however, they are required when entering and exiting the Summit. Each room and all equipment contained inside will be sanitized after each session.

Launching next month, Summit on the Park will partner with Mission Control to offer the Canton community digital recreation esports. Participants of all ages can put their skills to the test in this eSports Rec League and show everyone who is the best.

Play on PS4, Xbox, Switch, and PC and compete against other players. Fees are $10 per league for a seven-week regular season (five-week regular season plus two-week playoff). Competitive leagues for Rocket League, Mario Kart, and Super Smash Bros will begin the first week of December, with registration ending at 8 p.m. Nov. 29. To sign up, download the Mission Control GG app on a smartphone; select 'Canton Leisure Sports' as the organization and join the eSports Rec League.

Canton Club 55+ is currently offering programs that can be enjoyed virtually, on a computer, or over the phone. In addition, several outdoor programs may be available; weather permitting.

The new programs will focus on keeping individuals engaged, connected, and safe. New programs will begin during the next few weeks, officials said. More information is available on the Canton Club 55+ Facebook page.

Seniors in need of a resource or those with questions may contact the Club 55+ staff from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at (734) 394-5485 or by emailing club55@canton-mi.org.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center will keep teens engaged during these challenging times with virtual online drop-in classes. Choose from: art, tutoring, fitness, cooking, mental health programs, as well as enrichment courses such as soap making and crocheting. Learn more online at www.cantonfun.org/146.

Canton Therapeutic Recreation program will continue to offer participants opportunities to remain social with their peers with live-streamed fitness classes, as well as virtual games, crafts, cooking, and more. For more details about program offerings, email TR@Canton-mi.org or visit www.cantonfun.org/135.

Pheasant Run Golf Club, located at 46500 Summit Parkway, remains open (weather permitting) and will continue to operate in adherence to MDHHS orders.

Individual family experiences such as the Canton's 18th Annual Virtual Turkey Trot for a Cause, as well as Santa Letters and all Winter Wonderland Walks, will take place as previously scheduled.

For the most up-to-date information on program modifications, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Canton promotes new 'Shop Local' campaign

> *Canton's local businesses are invested in the well-being of our community and its future.*

In response to the State of Michigan pandemic order, and with the holiday season approaching, the Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has developed a detailed list of businesses that are open with detailed information of services available.

Signs are scheduled for installation throughout the DDA district and shoppers will see the We're Open signs that point to the ShopCanton.org home page where they'll find a categorized business list with information regarding outside service, curbside, carry-out, delivery, online ordering, inside shopping, inside service, and gift cards, explained Bart Patterson, chairman of the DDA board.

"The DDA board is constantly working to keep the Ford Road corridor vibrant and active with business. During the Covid situation, we are working to help identify those businesses which remain open and keep customers aware," Patterson said. "We want to keep the downtown development area full of traffic and directed to those businesses working to keep their doors open, helping employees, and serving the public. Please help us by supporting your local businesses and shop local. ShopCanton," he said.

The Canton DDA and the Canton Chamber of Commerce have joined forces in a collaborative effort is to help support all businesses throughout Canton Township, including Canton Chamber members.

Canton Township Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas said, "Small business are the heart of any community. And Canton has such a wide variety of small business offerings, I have no doubt that everybody's shopping, dining and service needs can be met locally."

"Canton's local businesses are invested in the well-being of our community and its future," said Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township supervisor. "I challenge everyone to purchase their holiday meals and gifts from three Canton businesses and post them online for all to see! Let's keep Canton moving forward!"

Robbery suspect is charged

A Georgia man is facing up to life in prison if convicted of charges he robbed Chase Bank in Canton Township last month.

Canton police arrested Joe Stafford, 55, in connection with the incident which took place Nov. 5 at the bank located on Michigan Avenue near Old Canton Center Road. Police were called to the bank at about 3:31 p.m. and witnesses told the responding officers that the suspect presented a note demanding money to a teller. He stole an undisclosed amount of cash during the incident. He was described as a black male, 6-feet, 2-inches to 6-feet 4-inches tall and was wearing a black knit hat, a hooded jacket and dark-colored pants.

No injuries were reported in the incident, according to police.

Stafford was arraigned last Wednesday at 35th District Court before Judge Michael Gerou who set bond at $250,000 or 10 percent.

Stafford is charged with one count of bank robbery and as a habitual offender, fourth offense which is a sentence enhancer.

Gerou ordered the suspect to wear a GPS tether when and if bond is posted.

Stafford is scheduled for a court appearance on the charges tomorrow.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CANTON Community

November 27, 2020

MEETING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The meeting of the **Zoning Board of Appeals** of the Charter Township of Canton scheduled for 7:00 p.m., December 10, 2020, in the Township Board Room of the Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 has been **canceled.**

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CANTON Community

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
December 21, 2020

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **MONDAY, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held by electronic remote access. Individuals may join the video teleconference by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82238517089

Or iPhone one-tap: 1-312-626-6799 (82238517089#) or 1-646-558-8656 (82238517089#)

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Webinar ID: 822 3851 7089

International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kWqTK7y3B

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Minutes:
November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of Agenda

General Calendar:

1. Applicant, Scott Griffin, for property located on the east side of Canton Center Road and the west side of Old Canton Center Road, Zoning C-3. Property address is 45490 Michigan Ave. Appealing Section 26.03 and Section 6.02(D)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance. The requested variances are as follows from the required 85-foot front yard setback (Section 26.03): Car wash building (18' variance) and vacuums (40.5' variance). The requested variance from Section 6.02(D)(2) is to allow vacuuming activities in a front yard. Parcel IDs 71-129-99-0002-710 (Planning).

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

Romulus Pubic Library offers limited access

The Romulus Library is now in phase three of reopening to the public and services now include computer use by appointment and quick business tasks like faxing, copying and printing. Visitors can renew their library cards, apply for new cards and pick up items on hold inside the facility, noted Assistant Director Youth Services Librarian Jessica Wilhoite.

Curbside services are still available for those who prefer them, she said.

Browsing the collection, study tables, seating, and the meeting room are not available. The Children's Area is also closed at this time.

"Our top priority is the health and safety of the community, our patrons, and our staff. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Library is providing services with guidelines in place," Wilhoite said in a prepared statement: Those guidelines include a 60 minute limit on time in the building to maintain limited occupancy and face masks are required for all patrons and staff at all times. Wilhoite said the staff could provide a mask to those who do not have one and stressed that the masks must be worn over the nose and mouth.

The 6-foot social distancing rule will be in effect and capacity limits will be in place.

"Do not enter the building if you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick. If you have been sick or have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, do not enter the library," Wilhoite cautioned.

Frequent cleaning of high touch points in the library are completed throughout the day and public computers will be cleaned after each use.

Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance and throughout the library, she added.

Plexiglas barriers are in place at service points and no food or drinks are allowed in the library.

Wilhoite said that the safety policies will help the library to expand in-person services. Updates are available on the library website and Facebook page.

Patrons can make an appointment to use a library computer online at https://calendly.com/romulus_computer_appt/computer-appointment or on the library website, by phone at (734) 942-7589 and by romuluspubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Michigan Mask up

Fire department and Ministerial Alliance deliver 3,000 masks in city

Fire Prevention Month became COVID prevention month in Romulus this year as members of the fire department, along with several local churches, provided more than 3,000 masks to the community.

Fire Chief Kevin Krause began the effort when usual Fire Prevention Month activities were limited by the pandemic.

His effort was prompted by the request of an elderly resident seeking a face mask at the fire station. Krause contacted the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and was able to secure a large shipment of face masks which the firefighters distributed throughout the community, along with fire prevention materials.

Bags containing two masks and fire safety information were distributed by the firefighters at the Romulus Senior Center, Romulus Senior Towers and Whispering Willows Co-op as part of the Michigan Mask Up campaign.

With the help of Romulus City Councilwoman Tina Talley, who also serves as the secretary of the Romulus Ministerial Alliance, the masks and information were then delivered to Living By Faith Ministries, Living Rock Church, First Baptist Church of Romulus and Community United Methodist Church.

Krause said these were high-quality, well made masks and some are still available at the fire department, Romulus library, at city hall and in some other municipal buildings.

Krause said the effort is far from complete and that the department is waiting on more masks.

Talley said that the firefighters always help others in the community and that there are still six or seven churches where the masks and information could be distributed. She said the local pastors and the congregations were grateful for the masks which are now required in every public building.

Krause said the department is hoping to deliver another 1,000 of the masks, as they become available.

Fire Chief Kevin Krause

It's official

New Sumpter board takes oath

At ceremonies Nov. 19 at the Sumpter Community Center gymnasium, Judge Tina Brooks Green of the 34th District Court, administered the oaths of office to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees.

Supervisor Timothy Bowman, Deputy Supervisor Kenneth Bednark, Clerk Esther Hurst, Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick, Treasurer James Clark, Deputy Treasurer Toni Clark and Trustee Peggy Morgan were all sworn into office.

They will join trustees Matthew Oddy, Donald LaPorte and Timothy Rush on the board. The three incumbent trustees all took their oaths of office earlier in an effort to maintain social distancing in light of the current pandemic regulations imposed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Shooting death investigated

It was an unhappy holiday for some Inkster residents last week when a man was killed in a shooting on Meadow Lane in the city.

Michigan State Police said late Thursday that police were dispatched around 6:30 p.m. to the 1500 block of Meadow Lane in Inkster in response to a report of a shooting. A preliminary police investigation found that the victim - who has not been identified - was shot by an unknown suspect in a vehicle, police said. The victim was transported by emergency responders to a local hospital, but died of his injuries, police said.

The investigation into the shooting remains ongoing, according to police who declined to release any additional information.

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Wayne - Westland

School district food delivery to resume Monday

Volunteers from the Wayne Westland Community Schools have distributed more than 100,000 meals during the COVID pandemic.

Rain or shine, the volunteers prepare the meals and deliver them to school buildings throughout the district where families can pick them up. Food distribution is set to begin again Dec. 7 following an interruption for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pick up times for food are usually 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., while Adams, Franklin, Stevenson and Tinkham are 10 a.m. until noon on separate days of the week. Wayne Memorial High School distribution is from 10 a.m. until noon and 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. on Mondays while John Glenn High School hours are from 6:30 until 8:30 and 10 a.m. until noon on Wednesday.

"As a community, state and nation, we have seemed to hit the wall in our fight against the spread of COVID-19. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of COVID-19 cases over the past several weeks and the term "COVID fatigue" has been heard more and more," noted Superintendent of Wayne Westland Schools John Dignan.

"After eight months of cancelled plans, uncertainty, worry, and continuous efforts to mitigate the spread, we are all just getting tired of 'dealing with this.' We are all hitting our wall. But now is the time where we must dig deep, help each other, remind each other, and conquer the wall together.

"Thanks for all you do and for making a difference. I encourage everyone to do their part and remain committed to following safe practices and protocols that we know effectively slow the spread of COVID-19 and help all of us as a community to overcome this wall.

"Please try to refrain from being in large crowds and continue to follow all of the safety measures to help combat COVID-19.

"As soon as we have updates and more information, we will share it with you. We are thankful for your partnership as we work together to promote the learning, safety, health and well-being of all," he concluded in a statement posted on the district website.

"Please remember, wash your hands and mask-up Wayne-Westland," he concluded.

All photos of the volunteers were taken prior to the mask requirements.

COVID precautions prompt Westland City Hall closing

City of Westland administrative offices will remain closed to the public until 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, the Friendship Senior Center and the Mike Modano Ice Arena have also been closed to the public.

The Westland Public Library will remain open with limited capacity and the 18th District Court will remain open. For the most current information and updates on other city closures and postponements, visit www.cityofwestland.com

In accordance with state and federal guidelines with regards to social distancing, limits on indoor gatherings and requirements for work from home allowances, Westland City Hall will remain operational with a limited staff. Residents are encouraged to utilize the city online services at www.cityofwestland.com during this time. Contact information for city departments is available on the on the city'website. City staff will still be responding to emails and voicemails as quickly as possible.

There are also two drop boxes located in front of city hall for residents to drop off payments and paperwork which will continue to be checked daily.

Essential government services that will continue include public safety, utilities, animal control, housing and building departments, sanitation (including trash collection), and finance.

The annual "Deck the City Hall" holiday event which was scheduled to take place on Dec, 9 has been cancelled.

Public meetings, including meetings of the Westland City Council will be conducted virtually.

"Per the Governor's Emergency Order, MDHHS Epidemic Order and MIOSHA Emergency Rules, it is crucial that we take these necessary precautions to protect our residents and our employees," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

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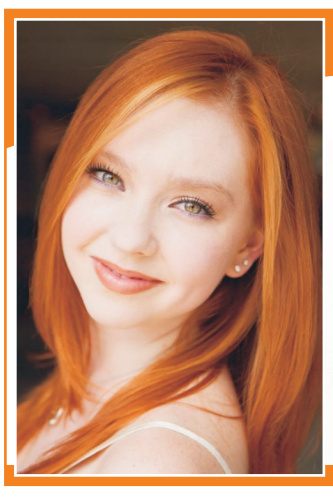

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59. Auctions

THE FOLLOWING CARS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED BY THE INKSTER POLICE DEPT. AND WILL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION AT BISHOP AUTO WRECKING LLC AT 2780 SPRINGHILL INKSTER, MI 48141 ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 10, 2020.

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Schools respond to latest pandemic restrictions

Despite the objections of some families who support in-person learning, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher has proposed keeping both the middle and high schools in the district on a virtual learning basis until Jan. 19. Her proposal was met with objections from several parents during a meeting last week. Some parents, medical health care professionals, urged a return to in-person learning.

"Whatever happens it's not going to please everyone," said Gallagher, who laid out a recommendation for the district.

Following the mandatory three-week shutdown of high schools, Gallagher wants to keep the middle and high school virtual until Jan. 19.

Families will have the option to either continue with their current selection(s) of a full virtual or in-person scenario or elect to make a change for the second semester, noted Gallagher in a recent letter to district parents, sent prior to the latest school shutdown and recommendations from state and county health department officials.

Under than plan, families across the district had the option of full virtual/distance learning for a second semester or in-person learning. Elementary students who opt for in-person learning will attend full time, Monday through Friday, in class groupings that may include rotating teachers.

> *We anticipate that the current learning plan options will remain in place throughout the second semester unless there are any significant changes in health and safety guidelines.*

Middle school students would attend school on a hybrid schedule every other day, rotating between in-person core content courses and virtual learning for elective courses. Students enrolled in self-contained special education classrooms attend full time.

High school students would also attend a hybrid schedule every other day, rotating between in-person instruction and virtual learning. Students enrolled in

self-contained special education classrooms (ASD/Cross Categorical) would attend full

time.

"We anticipate that the current learning plan options will remain in place throughout the second semester, unless there are any significant changes in health and safety guidelines or risk levels that would allow for a full return to school, or conversely, necessitate a shift to virtual learning for a period of time," Gallagher wrote.

More information is available at (248) 344-3520, or email NPS@northvilleschools.org.

Plymouth City Hall offering no-contact services

Plymouth City Hall is offering no-contact services to help residents and staff avoid exposure to COVID 19. The city website and drop boxes are available.

Drop boxes are located inside the vestibule on the Church Street side of Plymouth City Hall at 201 S. Main and in the drive-through lane of the Plymouth District Library. There is a slot labeled City of Plymouth.

These drop boxes can be used for all forms and payments.

In addition, many city services are available online.

For online property information, tax payments, utility payments, or any other type of payment, visit https://bsaonline.com/?uid=293&sitetransition=true

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For a request for action (including final water read) from the Department of Municipal Services, visit https://bsaonline.com/CitizensRequestForAction/Submit?uid=293

Residents can may request overnight parking, a vacation check or business keyholder at https://www.frontlinepss.com/plymouthmi. This site also allows citizens to report incidents that don't require immediate assistance.

Officials urged residents to utilize the new city website at plymouthmi.gov.

The website was described by officials as "user friendly and a great source of information." Users can rate the efficacy of the site by sending an email to info@plymouthmi.gov.

Northville Township closes all municipal buildings

Northville Township officials have closed all public entrances to municipal buildings - except by appointment until Dec. 8 because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Gatherings and Face Mask Order.

"Our staff remains committed to providing our residents with the most efficient services possible; we continue to work inside. At Township Hall, you may use our Drive-Thru, Drop Box or make a payment online at www.twp.northville.mi.us/Pay. Building permits may be dropped off in the Drive-Thru, emailed or completed online. Residents may conduct business over the telephone or U.S. mail, too. Our main line is (248) 348-5800," noted an official statement from the township offices.

Emergency crews and first responders will remain on duty 24/7, but both the police and fire department headquarters are closed to the public. The Community Center, Youth Network and Recreation Center at Hillside are closed.

> *One key factor in this decision is Wayne County has seen a 115 percent increase in cases, 140 percent increase in deaths and 114 percent increase in hospitalizations in a 14-day period ending Nov. 13,*

Parks and Recreation programming will be postponed except Senior Yoga, Toddler Yoga, Kids Power Karate and Youth Dance which will move to a virtual format. Senior transportation will continue. Liquid nutrition pickup and the medical loan equipment program will continue by appointment only.

"This action is to protect the public and keep our workforce safe. We understand this move will be disruptive for many. One key factor in this decision is Wayne County has seen a 115 percent increase in cases, 140 percent increase in deaths and 114 percent increase in hospitalizations in a 14-day period ending Nov. 13," officials said.

As the Dec. 8 deadline of the latest order approaches, the situation will be monitored and any changes announced.

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Standing in front of the cleared banks of the Fish Hatchery pond is the team responsible for the transformation. From left, Mark Gasche, Northville Parks and Recreation; Bob Belair, Northville Township/ARC; Shelby Dix, ECT; Joe Merolla, Anglin Civil; Marty Boote, ECT: Nathan Reilly, Northville Parks and Recreation; John O'Meara, ECT; and Lauren Edson, ECT. Photos by Liz Cezat

Pond

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with engineering support from Soil Materials and Engineers (SME). Northville Parks and Recreation Director Mark Gasche oversaw the project from grant submission to implementation.

Gasche noted, "All parties involved, ECT, SME, Anglin Civil, Inc., and the ARC, worked extremely well together to make this wonderful project a reality."

The 1,050 foot creek bed borders the 17-acre park. A bonus of the environmental reconstruction project is a new pathway that parallels the creek from the parking lot to the back ball field. A gravel road was put in to accommodate heavy construction equipment during the five-month project. Instead of removing the gravel road and restoring the grass, it was decided to install a limestone pathway to allow walkers, runners and bicyclists better access to the creek and the entire park. Eventually the limestone pathway will be completed with a full loop around the perimeter of the park. All parking is at the front of the park near the tennis courts/pickleball courts.

By spring, new growth will start to flourish - giving the park a whole new look and making the pond and creek a cleaner habitat for fish, insects, wildlife and plants, officials said.

"The transformation of the park is remarkable, Gasche said."The residents of Northville are going to really enjoy being able to clearly see and get next to the pond and Johnson Creek."

In addition, a newly-created sediment retention area between the pond and gravel parking lot will help prevent dirt and debris from entering the pond, and filter rainwater through vegetation.

Priest

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abuse and the removal of a whistleblower pastor."

Archdiocese officials deny that allegation and claim Suhy's removal was based on his poor performance had been under discussion since last spring.

"The discussions aimed at getting Fr. Suhy to step aside voluntarily for his good and the good of the parish started - with him - this past spring," said Ned McGrath, a spokesman for the archdiocese, in an email. "Ultimately and unfortunately, his intransigence triggered a canonical process for his removal."

Archbishop Allen Vigneron, informed Suhy Nov. 17 of his removal from the parish after following what the church described as a "months-long process that included interviews with current and former clergy, staff, parishioners and others."

"As required by church law, two letters were sent to him encouraging him to resign as pastor for his own sake and for the sake of the parish; but, he chose not to do so," Battersby wrote. McGrath said that "some two dozen pages of documentation and clarification" were presented to Suhy to explain the reasons he was being removed. He said that Suhy did not include any of that information in his statement and that "In other words, Father knows - and knows well -why it was necessary to take this step. The removal is about him and his pastorate, not someone or something else."

Thompson claims that Suhy oversaw a thriving congregation with maximum attendance accompanied by a school boasting steady enrollment and that he "joyfully" served parishioners and that he had earned "a good reputation from Dearborn to Ypsilanti for his strong leadership."

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Thompson also said that Suhy maintained finances and that by last week the congregation was $79,000 ahead of budget in weekly offerings.

"All the markers of a good, well-run parish by a competent and able pastor are in play," Thompson said.

Citing "the questionable nature of evidence" against the priest, Thompson said he believes archdiocese officials were displeased Suhy eliminated the position of a church staffer who had potentially damaging information and would not back down about the allegations involving the other official. "It's a situation where Father Suhy is being sacrificed because he won't keep quiet."

Suhy will be provided a residence, his medical benefits will continue, and he will be supported financially by the Archdiocese of Detroit, Battersby said, until he is assigned a new parish. "There are no restrictions on his priestly ministry. However, for the good of everyone, he will no longer live at this parish, nor will he be permitted to return to Our Lady of Good Counsel to celebrate Mass or sacraments or visit the school."

Rev. Michael Suhy

Monsignor Patrick Halfpenny has been assigned as the temporary administrator at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Covid

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cognitive, physical or mental disabilities requiring help.

Officials said that while every site allows a support person to escort a patient into the emergency center, there is site-to-site variation regarding whether the support person may stay after the patient is registered. Additionally, visitors who are permitted are required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times. Ear loop masks will be provided at each entrance for those who do not have one or if the mask worn does not meet the safety requirements of the hospital.

> *A person visiting may be asked to leave a care area if safety or social distancing cannot be maintained.*

Those who enter the facility must practice social distancing, keeping 6 feet from others at all times. A person visiting may be asked to leave a care area if safety or social distancing cannot be maintained. Visitors are required to clean their hands upon entry and exit to any patient care area and disposable gloves must be removed and thrown away.

Each person will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering the facility. Every person visiting must be free of COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 diagnosis and must not be waiting for COVID-19 test results, hospital officials said. Anyone screening positive will not be allowed to visit and those screening negative will be given a sticker that must be worn in the hospital at all times.

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